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TO RECEIVE FAMILY OF MAN AWARD.- The Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau who will be presented with the Anti-Defamation League's Family of Man Award this Sunday evening in Montreal. This award is made to prominent Canadians who have established a strong record of concern for social justice and for the expansion of the concept of human rights. See editorial page 4. The Prime Minister will use this occasion to make a major address and policy statement.

More American arms for Israel

U.S. REJECTS MOSCOW TERMS

Washington will not permit Israel to be weakened

By the CJN diplomatic editor

The United States government is reported to have told Russia this week that it considers Moscow's "negative" position on the Middle East conflict a *diktat* which sabotages peace efforts and which, therefore, Washington will never accept. U.S. diplomacy has made certain that Moscow understands that, while America has not actively opposed the Russian presence in the Mediterranean, it is not ready to agree to this sea on the crossroads of the world becoming the Soviets' *mare nostrum*.

* This information was relayed to the Soviet ambassador in Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin, who was also told that the U.S. government will soon deliver new arms to Israel in order not to "imbalance" the Middle East situation and to prevent a war there.

Washington has also made it clear that it will not permit Israel to become weak to the point of provoking attacks by the Arabs, although it, "is neither pro-Arab nor pro-Israel," in the words of President Nixon.

This U.S. statement was made following Moscow's new warning that a Middle East War could break out soon if the Israelis do not give up the humilitating incursions into Egypt that make it impossible for Nasser to continue. Washington rejected this note, declaring there can be no peace based only on Russia's terms and reminded Moscow that it had turned down the Rogers' peace proposals. Washington cannot ask Israel to surrender unconditionally to Moscow, Nixon is reported to have said, according to diplomats stationed in the capitals of the Big Four.

According to diplomatic sources in the American capital, the French decision to deliver one hundred jets to Libya has already influenced U.S. - France relations. Georges Pompidou will be told this in clear American English when he arrives in Washington in the last week of this month.

* In the meantime, New York City's Mayor John Lindsay announced that he will not receive officially French President Pompidou.

* In France, fifty-five percent of the people (the silent majority) are opposed to the government's pro-Arab policy, according to the latest poll conducted here recently by the newspaper Le Figaro.

* In Israel, very violent protests are being heard against Greece, which admitted this week, that it has been training Libyan pilots for the last five years. This training program started before the present military junta took over the government. According to Israeli reports, 100 Libyan pilots have graduated and are now ready for service.

* The recent Syrian battles against Israel are said to be directed by Soviet experts in retaliation against the alleged pro-West swing by Nasser. However, Cairo sources deny such a change of policy. Sources close to the Egyptian government say that the French arms deal with Libya was approved by the Soviet Union.

* From Bonn it is reported that Chancellor Willy Brandt told Pompidou last weekend that the West German government cannot approve the Libya sale, and does not consider it to be in Europe's best interest.

THE FRENCH SILENT MAJORITY SPEAKS UP.- A mass meeting against the sell-out to the Arabs in Paris. General Koenig addresses the meeting in the presence of Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan (from left); Solomon Frieder ich, secretary of the France-Israel Committee and M. Lecanuet, leader of the Democratic opposition.

SUCCEEDS FATHER AS DANISH CHIEF RABBI

Copenhagen (JCNS). - Rabbi Bent Melchior, 40, was unanimously elected Chief Rabbi of Denmark by the Board of Deputies of Danish Jews recently in succession to his father, Dr. Marcus Melchior, who died on December 22.

Rabbi Melchior, who served in the Israeli Army during the War of Independence in 1948 and is very popular in Denmark, was mainly responsible for education and youth activities during the years of his association with his father in ministerial duties.

He was appointed after obtaining semicha at Jews' College in London in 1963. He went to the College in 1958 after the Danish community decided that its ministers should be Danish speaking. The community and the Claims Conference paid for his studies.

The community now faces the problem of finding another Danish-speaking minister to share Rabbi Malchior's duties.

Rabbi Melchior, who continues the rabbinic tradition of his family both on the side of his father and his mother, is married to the former Lillian Weissdorff. They have four sons.

War victims compensated in new Israeli bill

Jerusalem (JCNS) - All Israel is a front-line. This adage was given concrete expression by the Knesset recently when the House gave a unanimous first reading to a Bill providing for compensation for any person in Israel, whether or not an Israeli national, and any Israeli abroad, suffering bodily harm as a result of hostile enemy action.

The Bill will replace, as from June 5, 1967, a law providing for compensation for injuries suffered by persons living or working on the borders.

The new measure will also cover injuries sustained from Israeli weapons fired in response to hostile action.

Compensation would amount to six months' payments according to the victims' normal income. Medical and rehabilitation costs would also be met by the Government. Permanent disability and next-of-kin pensions would be on a scale slightly above the Work Accident Victims' Payments Law.

WILL NOT IMPROVE BLOCKADE

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - Israel has not the slightest intention of imposing a blockade off the Egyptian coast, and strict orders to the Defense Forces to refrain from striking at Egyptian civilian ships are to be maintained and strictly adhered to, a spokesman for the Army said here recently.

He pointed out that the Egyptian claim that a ship attacked and hit by the Air Force was an auxiliary craft at the service of the Egyptian Army, was unfounded.

Evidently, he said, all military objectives including ships and harbors, were liable to attack. Therefore he would not comment on an Egyptian communique concerning attacks on two Egyptian bases in the Red Sea: Gardaka and Safaga.

DUTCH NEUTRAL ON MIDEAST

Amsterdam (JCNS). - In the event of another war breaking out between the Arabs and Israel, Holland should remain neutral, in the view of 43 percent of those questioned in a recent poll conducted by the Netherlands Institute for Public Opinion.

The next largest group, 34 percent, favored Dutch support for Israel, while 1 percent said that Holland should support the Arabs. The remaining 22 percent did not express an opinion.

The greatest support for Israel was found among Dutch Protestants, while 50 percent of Roman Catholics favored neutrality. The bulk of the support expressed for the Arabs was among Liberals.

Shortly after the Six Day War in June, 1967, a similar survey showed that 49 percent of the Dutch people advocated that Israel should be helped by Holland, 41 percent wanted Holland to remain neutral, 10 percent expressed no opinion, and less that 1 percent were sympathetic to the Arab cause.

VIETNAMESE SENATORS VISIT ISRAEL

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - Seven members of the South Vietnamese Senate arrived here for what Israeli Foreign Ministry circles described as "a private visit."

Israel has no diplomatic relations with Saigon, but has repeatedly been under American pressure to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Thieu regime.

The visitors were headed by Mr. Tran Van Dong, who is the leader of the official opposition in Vietnam. He actively promoted relations with Israel years ago, when vice-President Ky still hoped for some Arab support and did not want links with the Jewish State.

"We shall seek in Israel answers to problems facing your country and ours. We are convinced that we can learn much from Israel's world-wide admired achievements," Mr. Dong stated.

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

A TRUE BELIEVER

Now that Bertrand Russell finally has passed into history, it may be said that this fighting rebel, this unconventional moralist, this convinced atheist who wrestled with God all his life, perhaps was among the truest believers.

In his Autobiography, the great dissenter and pacifist admits he had been influenced all his life by a biblical text taught him by one of his grandmothers.

This text, "Thou shalt not follow the majority to do evil," remained his religion.

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Every one of us may have disagreed at one time or other with this sage's violent opinions. Yet we cannot help but remember his moral conscience. For example, despite his radical sympathies, he never hesitated to blast the Soviet persecution of Jews, remembering what he had said about Bolshevism in 1920:

". . . Bolshevism is a close, tyrannical bureaucracy with a spy system more terrible than the Czar's."

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Perhaps when Bertie protested against Stalinism and, more recently, against the Kremlin's anti-Jewish terror, subconsciously he may have wanted to expiate the 1920 "sin" against Jews. At that time, in a letter to Ottoline Morrell, describing his first trip to Soviet Russia, he spoke of the Bolshevik rulers as of "an aristocracy insolent and unfeeling, composed of Americanized Jews."

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Later Russell had discovered the truth: the "religion" of the Jews is his, in the sense that our élite has always been harassed for "not following the multitude into evil." In this sense this atheist was a true believer.

ISRAELI MINISTER ADDRESSES EMERGENCY MONTREAL MEETING.- Pinhas Sapir, Israeli Minister of Finance speaking recently at Montreal's Shaar Zion Synagogue on behalf of Israel bonds stressed that his country's defense budget is costing three million dollars a day. In addition to this heavy burden Sapir explained that the government must also allocate $500 million to help in the housing and integration of new immigrants.

The Minister reaffirmed that Israel is prepared to look after its own defense without enlisting any outside help. He urged every Jew, however, to support Israel's current Bond drive which is targeted this year at $250 million.

Shown in this photograph are, from left to right: Sam Rothberg, World Chairman of Israel Bonds, George Scott, General Chairman of Montreal Israel Bonds, The Honorable Pinhas Sapir and D. Lou Harris, National Chairman of State of Israel Bonds.

AN EXCLUSIVE JCNS INTERVIEW

TIME RUNS OUT FOR PEACE, SAYS BRITAIN'S GEORGE BROWN

"The time-scale for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict is getting very short," the former Foreign Secretary, Mr George Brown, warned in an interview with the JEWISH CHRONICLE after his return from a three-week tour of the Middle East.

"The Soviet Union is very happy with the present situation of no peace and no war. But I cannot see who else could be. I believe that such a situation will help neither Israel nor the Arabs and I am very sure it does not help us in the West generally or in Britain specially."

So far, Mr Brown confided only to the Prime Minister—to whom he reported last Friday—the more concrete conclusions he reached in his wide-ranging talks with Arab and Israeli leaders. And he is not yet prepared to make them public.

"If my conclusions and suggestions are to be of any use, I cannot discuss them in public," he said. "But my general impression has been that if the people concerned desire peace—by which I mean a genuine solution and not a temporary settlement—then the conditions operating in its favour do exist.

Conflicting opinions

"If peace is not desired, there are again conditions at hand which would without any question lead to another round of hostilities. The main problem, therefore, is to grasp the chance for peace before it is too late and to get the parties to the conflict into the business of negotiating."

Mr Brown, who visited Bahrein, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and Israel, told me that inevitably there were many different and conflicting opinions not only between some of these countries but also within each of them. And there were hawks and doves on both sides.

"But it struck me during my tour that for a variety of reasons —not necessarily the same in each case—there is a chance to get an early peaceful settlement.

"The problem, of course, is how to get the people to discuss it. The Arabs do not want to sit down to a face-to-face confrontation right away with the Israelis. Israel, on the other hand, does not want a solution negotiated for her by the Great Powers. I understand the reasons for both of these positions.

"But I see only too clearly that at the end of the day there has to be a negotiated solution. The question, therefore, for any Western statesman who involves himself in this area is how to start the process of negotiation in a way which would offend neither side and yet lead to a solution we all desire and need."

Not discouraged

Mr Brown is very proud of his authorship of the Security Council resolution of November, 1967. In the light of his recent talks in the Middle East, I asked, was a solution more likely to be achieved through renewing Mr Gunnar Jarring's mission under the terms of that resolution or through the initiative of the four Powers?

"This is a question I am thinking about very deeply and would not like to be held responsible for the final decision," he replied. "But my present thinking is to go back to the Security Council resolution and to Mr Jarring as its direct custodian operating under its authority."

Mr Brown said that there was a lot to be said in favour of the Israeli position that no solution of the problems of the Middle East could be imported from outside the area and that any solution had to be agreed upon by the parties to it.

At the same time, it should not be overlooked that the Middle East was an area which interested and affected "all of us."

He added: "An imposed solution from outside, even if it has some proponents in the area, does not seem to me to be a good thing. On the other hand, it does seem to me that to get any solution from inside the area would still require help from outside it."

He was not at all discouraged by bellicose public statements made by Middle East leaders: "One of the values of my trip is that I think I got a clear impression of the difference between what people feel they must say in public and what they are willing to state in private or actually do.

"Even politicians in our own British or in the Israeli democracy are sometimes guilty of saying something different from what they would admit in private, even though they do not face the same risks as do leaders in an area where the ballot box is not yet the final arbiter of a politician's fate."

Sense of urgency

He believes that the growth of such organisations as El Fatah and the threat they pose to existing Arab régimes have imbued many Arab leaders with a greater sense of urgency and realism about the need for peace than Mr Brown detected ever before.

I asked whether there was any significance in the fact that Mrs Sophie Brown, who accompanied him to all Arab capitals on the previous tour in 1961 and was received with courtesy although their Arab hosts knew that she was Jewish, this time joined him only at Tehran just before his final journey to Israel.

Mr Brown replied that his wife was invited by everybody who invited him. All his Arab hosts expressed regret that she had not come and sent her their best wishes. And they asked her to come next time.

Referring to the widely reported incident at the private dinner party given in his honour by Israel's Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban, Mr Brown said that during his tour he had about 200 meetings with various people.

"Nobody let me down, nobody leaked our conversations until the very last day and the very last social occasion when I thought I was among friends in private.

"Although not a word leaked of my private talk with Mr Eban himself, I was astounded that somebody who was present at the dinner following it should leak a distorted version of what happened between myself and General Herzog.

"I specially altered my programme earlier to be present personally at the presentation to him of the KBE in order to show my regard for him. As he himself stated afterwards, we had some ten minutes of a robust argument—we are both Irishmen, after all—but none of the horrid things reported afterwards were actually said.

"I wonder who in the private dinner party thought it worth while to cast a cloud over what has been a serious and useful discussion. I can only think that it must have been done for reasons of internal Israeli politics.

Saddest moment

"I regard it is as one of the saddest moments of my tour. But I hope — indeed, I know—it would not have any lasting effect on my relations with my friends in Israel. Clearly it won't with my friends in the Arab countries."

Preoccupied with meeting people, Mr Brown had only a brief opportunity to see for himself some of the occupied territories, especially the West Bank.

"I was surprised at the extent to which Arab local life and local authority seemed to be going on, so totally different from what I was led to believe," he said.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BETH TIKVAH

On Friday evening February 13th at Beth Tikvah portable, the next Oneg Shabbat will take place. Guest speaker is Joseph B. Salsberg who will talk on The Great Migration to North America.

ADATH ISRAEL

A gala concert and Israeli review takes place Saturday night featuring Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum and the Adath Israel choir. Guest artists include the Four Ayalons and the Nirkoda Israeli Dance Troupe.

The Brotherhood will hold a general meeting and social night Monday, February 9th. Rabbi Erwin Schild will speak on The Roots of Judaism In The Peoplehood of the Jews, Thursday evening February 12th.

SPONSOR
DR. JUDD TELLER

Dr. Judd Teller, prominent lecturer and author of Strangers and Natives, will visit Toronto on February 14th and 15th. A public meeting will be held at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst Street on Sunday evening February 15th, where Dr. Teller will discuss The Evolution of American Jewry from 1921 to the Present.

Dr. Teller will also address the campus youth at Queens University in Kingston on Saturday afternoon 4:30 p.m.

These meetings are sponsored by the three Labor Zionist Organizations: Achdut Avodah, Poale Zion, Friends of Pioneering Israel and the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada.

Dr. Judd Teller's agenda during this weekend, in addition, will include a Saturday afternoon address to 200 youth from the Zionist Youth Movements of Canada.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Ralph Shiff, newly-elected president of the Jewish Public Library, welcomed a large audience recently to a novel panel discussion on "Jewish Education in Toronto - has it failed?", sponsored recently by the Jewish Public Library. In his remarks Mr. Shiff referred to the large collection of books on Jewish education in English, Hebrew and Yiddish on the library shelves.

Panelist Professor Sidney Eisen, a product of Toronto Hebrew Schools, stressed the tremendous growth and success of the Toronto school system over the last twenty-five years. Other panelists felt that there was room for improvement in the various schools in several areas. Discussion also revolved around a general neglect of informing students of one school about the beliefs of students in other schools within the Jewish community.

Mr. Julius Marcus, co-chairman of the Library's cultural committee, introduced the moderator and Mr. Shelley S. Jackson, immediate past president, thanked the participants and the audience.

ANSHE CASTILLA

The New members of the executive of the Anshe Castilla Congregation are: Leon Osiel, President; Moise Benayon, Vice President; Elie Benatar, Treasurer; Jack Benchimol, Assistant Treasurer; Meyer Keslassy, Secretary; Isaac Bendelac, Assistant Secretary; Isaac Pinto, Administrator of the Building; Joseph Osiel, Assistant Administrator; Samuel Serruya, Membership Chairman.

BETH DAVID

The ATID group of B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation will meet on Sunday evening, February 15th, to hear guest speaker Mr. John Wright, M.A., who will speak on the topic, "Institutional Religion vs. Informal Religion." Mr. Wright is a former lecturer on logic at York University.

B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood will hold their next Breakfast Meeting on Sunday morning, February 15th, with Mr. Alfred Pilch presiding. Mr. Rubin Marks will introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Rupert Shriar, Director of Social Planning Committee, of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, who will speak on "The Jewish Community -- What Shall It Be?"

UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL

Beth Emeth Yehuda Congregation has joined the other Conservative synagogues as a subsidizing sponsor of the United Synagogue Day School.

Mark Perlmutter, president of the school, announced the acceptance of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda as a sponsor and stated that he is proud of the fact that now all the Conservative synagogues are active affiliates of the United Synagogue Day School. The School's main center is located at the Beth Tzedec Congregation, but it also sponsors a branch in the Bayview area, at the Beth Tikvah Congregation, which consists of a Kindergarten and a Grade 1 class.

The United Synagogue Day School philosophy of education aims towards combining the best of Judaica and general knowledge in a progressive educational atmosphere. It strives for the full integration between the general and the Heoraic departments.

The four officers of the school are Mr. Mark Perlmutter, President; Dr. Allen A. Small, Vice President; Mr. Donald Carr, Q.C., Secretary and Mr. Irving Frisch, Treasurer.

The Cochairman of the Education Committee are Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg and Dr. Murray Herst, and the Principal is Mr. Aaron M. Nussbaum.

LETTERS FROM ISRAEL

reports from our JCNS correspondents

Boo to Bettelheim

LYNNE REID BANKS

This past term, broken up though it is with innumerable feast-days and cadet-days and days of compulsory farm-work for the children, has none the less been the hardest work I have ever done—not excluding twice-nightly weekly rep in Camberwell in 1954, which held my personal exhaustion-record until now.

My schedule varies each day, but it runs something like this: Up at seven (bliss after the 5.45 am rises for the morning feed while the babies, in rapid succession, were under a year old), followed by vague bed-makings and tidyings-up of the midnight chaos I left to crawl to bed the night before.

Meanwhile I rouse my phagocytes for the day with strong coffee and cold washings, and listen to the BBC news and press review just to keep myself from feeling too cheerful.

Funny how much worse they make it all sound—one would not have thought it possible; perhaps it is because they invariably give the Egyptian or Jordanian version first, and with a straight face, as if their reports of scores of dead Israelis and downed aircraft were quite likely to be true.

At 7.30, off I go with my briefcase bulging with corrected copybooks to the car. Several of my colleagues are waiting there under the pine-trees—its only garage.

We drive to the Mossad, or high school, shared by three Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim. It is a big, sprawling complex of living-and-learning buildings, a dining-hall, and all the agglomeration of services needed to keep 300-odd children aged from twelve to 18 in a fit state to absorb knowledge and maintain what amounts to a 17-hour day of constant activity.

I'm in luck this year. Out of my five classes, bucolically named (Pine, Deer, Sycamore, Buds . . .) only one gives me serious problems, and that is the Grade 12 B-stream which I took over this year. Even they are sweet, willing, vital and full of cheerful good humour, which makes all the difference.

EQUAL TERMS

I have had most of the other children from the beginning of their English learning. They are used to my odd ways, and I can really treat them on equal terms as people, and seldom have to get more than mildly and temporarily livid with them. When you reach that point in your relationship with a class, you can have great fun.

Lately I have been taking breaks from the syllabus (to which I am no slave at any time—fortunately one does not have to be, in the kibbutz) to teach them the words to songs from "Hair," which is all the rage before the show itself has even surmounted its local censorship problems; and I usually set them at least one composition to do each week, right from Grade 7.

The results are often very exciting. How well they express themselves, and what a lot they have to express! Virtually every story, essay and poem is a smack in the eye for Dr Bettelheim and his outrageous claims that our children are uncreative and emotionally flat, lack individuality and have no inner life.

Of course, it would be strange if this vibrant atmosphere of development, stimulus and danger did not produce its effect on the children. The matsav (i.e., the "situation" *vis-à-vis* the Arabs) permeates much of their creative work.

A LITTLE JINGOISM

I will not say that some of the results do not sometimes smack of jingoism, but at other times one gets a pleasant surprise. Recently I got my Grade 10s to write a letter to an Arab child, and answer it themselves. The second letters showed an extraordinary appreciation of the opposing point of view.

At other times, the noticeable increase in antagonism (I will not call it hatred, yet) towards the Arabs is depressing; but, everything considered, I suppose it is inevitable.

However, even when dislike and disgust for the Arabs are expressed, there is a lot to be thankful about. There is no sign of hysteria, ranting, prejudices or slogan-mouthing; the children write out their feelings thoughtfully, regretfully, restrainedly.

At 10.20, when the other teachers go for coffee and shop-talk, I rush back home to spend my morning hour with the children. Sometimes I have to go straight back to the Mossad, and other days I have my baby-class at home.

They are mainly boys, tough, independent, wilful, all pulling the group in different directions. For English I must somehow knit them together into a cohesive, willing-to-sit-still unit.

There are only 12 of them, so it should not be difficult, but they lack all notion of discipline at that age. I used to think frustratedly that this was a flaw in the system—learning has to be *fun* until high school, and woe betide the teacher whose lessons are not; but now I see how, later, this freedom from outside discipline pays dividends, for they eventually discipline themselves if they are ever going to be good scholars.

The friendliness which exists between teachers and pupils in the early grades develops into give-and-take co-operation later.

After that, I go back to the Mossad for the final lesson of the morning, then drive home once more for lunch at about 2, by which time I am so hungry that I do not even notice that everything is cold.

Bed is calling in a loud insistent voice but sometimes there are tests to correct which I dare not leave till evening, and sometimes it is biscuit-baking day, and always there is the house to clean.

Still, often I can get in an hour's rest before the screen-door crashes open at 4 o'clock, and through the layers of sleep I hear Adiel's voice saying "Where's Mummy?" or Gilon's "Where's Daddy?"

Sometimes people ask me what I am working on at the moment. They always look surprised at my hollow laugh.

A psychiatrist's look

HELEN LASZLO-BAUM

Egyptian morale, we are told, has dropped to its lowest level since the Six-Day War. How, then, is Israel's morale in this third year since the victory of June, 1967?

What can be said right away is that there is nothing like a war psychosis, although, naturally, there are some individual cases. But, deep inside and invisible to the superficial observer, there is a general feeling of depression and a certain bitterness.

These emotions stem from the daily losses suffered in the "war of attrition" and also from frustration that, despite the yearning for peace, it seems further away than ever.

Some of those wounded during their service in the armed forces have developed traumatic—compensatory—neurosis, but this is not uncommon in men scarred in battle. And there are, too, cases where battle experiences have had a positive effect.

For example, one of my patients told me that his experiences at the front had wrought a major change in his personality. He had become more patient and tolerant.

NO TIME FOR JOY

Suggestions that the moral standards of Israeli youth have declined are exaggerated. Israel's youth, on the whole, is unlike the youth of any other country.

They are too caught up in studying, while at the same time defending their country, to have time for protests, demonstrations, happenings and all the other "in" things of their counterparts abroad.

Every society has its problem cases and ours is no exception. But it is interesting to note that the number of drug addicts admitted to hospital since the Six-Day War has not increased from the small pre-war total.

There is some indulgence in hashish and there has been an increase in venereal diseases. In the past, there were times when medical students could study the symptoms of these diseases only from textbooks.

Now they have actual cases to learn from—although hardly any which have reached an advanced stage, and what few there are of these all contracted VD abroad.

Looking generally over the psychiatric scene, there are no grounds to believe that the current situation will affect this people's mental development, although a totally different situation confronts the inhabitants of the border settlements, who are under frequent artillery and other attacks.

There are mental problems in these settlements, where the younger children spend their nights in shelters and most of their days not far away from them. While this probably tends to make the children calmer, it increases tension among the parents.

Nor is it without effects on the youngsters themselves. Their games and drawings reflect their preoccupation with war. Some wake up in fright in the night, others become bed-wetters. But the constant presence of adults has a reassuring effect.

This situation is bound to have an effect in the future, but there is little to be done about it. Israelis, young and old, have no choice but to soldier on, in the knowledge that, sooner or later, peace will eventually come.

The writer heads the Department of Psychiatry in Jerusalem's Esrath Nashim Hospital.

THE SEVEN DAYS

FIGURES IN ISRAEL'S LEGAL BATTLE- Mrs. Shalit and her two children (left) and her husband.

WHY MRS. MEIR REJECTED SUPREME COURT VERDICT

Last week, The Canadian Jewish News predicted that the government of Israel would reject the Supreme Court definition of a Jew. Now Mrs. Meir introduced a bill in the Knesset defining "a Jew", in accordance with the rabbinic interpretation: a person born of a Jewish mother or one who has been converted to Judaism, according to the Jewish law.

This new legislation, supported by the majority in the Israeli parliament will prevent a political crisis. It will reaffirm an unwritten agreement among all major Israeli political parties that a secular court has no jurisdiction over problems pertaining to the Halakha and cannot rule on purely religious matters.

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For two thousand years Jews have considered it axiomatic that nationality and religion in Judaism are one. One cannot be of "Jewish nationality" and simultaneously belong to the Catholic or Protestant church. However, according to the new legislation, one can be an Israeli with full rights of citizenship (nationality in the western sense of the word) although not being of the Jewish faith.

The Prime Minister of Israel, in her defense of the new bill, which will annul the Supreme Court decision on "who is a Jew," declared that it will restore the status quo ante prior to the court's decision. Her main concern, she said, stems from the drift to mixed marriages in North America.

In order to help solve this problem, Mrs. Meir siad, "I am ready to compromise with the orthodox parties ... I am ready to make these concessions for the sake of the survival and the unity of the Jewish people."

The Prime Minister then said: "The Jewish people at present are not numerous, they must be safeguarded.."

Mrs. Meir concluded by assuring the Shalit family that in their unique case, the Supreme Court's verdict would be applied to the letter.

MEDIEVAL HANGINGS IN 20TH CENTURY

"In the house of the condemned one does not mention the gallows," goes the old maxim - except in Iraq where radio announcers have been having a ball recently regailing their listeners with blood-curdling accounts of executions.

Since the beginning of 1969 Bagdadians have been treated to the medieval spectacle of daily public hangings whose toll has now reached the hundred mark.

At one point during this macabre dance of death so many "enemies of the state" were being dispatched to their reward that court clerks were having problems tabulating results.

Westerners have been puzzled at the savagery of the Bakr regime.

Reports emanating from this bloody regime indicate that what is behind the carnage is the motive of revenge.

It seems that shortly before the recent bloodbath, a retired army officer, General Rachid Mohsen al-Jannabi received a phone call. "The traiter Hassan el-Bakr has been captured. We have him over here. Come and help in his execution," said the voice at the other end.

Rachid Mohsen al-Jannabi and five cohorts rushed madly to the presidential palace to celebrate this putsch.

Full of good humored chatter the fearless five busied themselves with discussions of how they were going to word their victory communique. Promotions were expected to be among the orders of the day.

But the best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray. No sooner had they arrived at the palace when out strutted wiley Hassan Bakr. The president, in shirtsleeves and slippers invited his shocked guests to go into an adjoining room where a revolutionary tribunal was ready and waiting to dispense its justice.

Thus the 1969 version of the Terror began.

THOSE LIBYAN PILOTS

It is with some considerable humor that observers of the recent France-Libya airplane deal have noted that when the transfer of the aircraft is completed the little desert kingdom will have the largest ratio of jet planes of any nation in the world.

Israeli commentators have pointed out that the volume of airplanes involved indicates that virtually every Libyan soldier will have his own personal jet. Frenchmen have been startled to learn that Libya will now have more Mirages at her disposal, on a percentage basis, than France itself.

A news item from Greece, however, shows that the disparagement of Libya's human resources might have been premature. Since 1965 the Greek government has been actively engaged in the training of over 100 Libyan pilots. That training has included instructional procedures for flying the most advanced type of jet planes.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF THE HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN

Recently, annual Histadrut Conferences were held in all of Canada's major cities as the prelude to the 46th Annual Campaign coinciding with the Golden Jubilee of Histadrut in Israel. One noticeable feature that emerged from the deliberations and resolutions passed at the Conferences, was the changing face of the Histadrut Campaign throughout Canada.

In former years, the main characteristic of fund-raising was the time honored card coverage, a method which gives the canvasser a personal contact with a contributor. While the card covering method is still a vital one to ensure the "Bread and Butter" basis of the Campaign, the emphasis at the recent Conferences centered on the establishing projects in Israel by groups, organizations and individuals.

The needs of Israel's citizens in the field of health and education have grown tremendously since the Six Day War. The value of trade and vocational training centers to the burgeoning economy cannot be overestimated. One simply needs to look around in stores in this country to note the ever-increasing volume of Israel manufactured goods. Exports are the life blood of every modern economy and Israel is no exception. In order to create and maintain quality merchandise, skilled labor is essential in the plants and factories of the young State.

The Amal Vocational training network in Israel consists of 21 schools where thousands of needy youth are being taught modern methods of production in scores of essential trades. On graduation, these young men and women are qualified to take their place as skilled craftsmen in modern plants producing the merchandise desired by the Western World.

Canadian Jewry through the Histadrut Campaign, has built and is maintaining three of the larger trade vocational schools in the Amal chain and many projects such as scholarships, new equipment, maintenance and expansion of facilities are being undertaken in greater measure by contributors. Today, thousands of children are leaving elementary school at the age of 15 and are applying for scholarships to enroll in these schools but unfortunately owing to a lack of funds and facilities, only a small percentage of the applicants can be accommodated. In this regard many hundreds of scholarships are granted each year by generous Canadian contributors thereby alieviating the problem to a small degree. This is a major project of the Israel Histadrut Campaign and one which all may view with pride.

The Government of Israel is very concerned, as it should be, about the health care of its citizens. Unfortunately, in these days of heavy defense expenditures, (Israel does not receive "gifts" in the way of arms) the Government is unable to invest in the expansion of medical facilities for its citizens. The task has fallen mainly on the shoulders of the Kupat Holim (Histadrut's medical arm) which now cares for 72% of the entire population. The Histadrut Campaign in Canada is essentially an agent to aid its brothers in Israel. It is providing medical centers, clinics, dispensaries and all forms of medical equipment to ease the situation in Israel's cities and villages. However, a lot more remains to be accomplished in this field, and today one of the major projects of the Israel Histadrut Campaign is to provide some of the means in this area of medical welfare thereby benefitting many thousands of people regardless of race, color or creed who might otherwise suffer needlessly.

It is in this light one notices the shift of emphasis in Campaign methodology which already is showing unprecedented results. The shift is from the general to the specific which can give everyone concerned a renewed feeling of deep satisfaction.

SHAZAR SAYS CARE WILL BE TAKEN OF CHRISTIAN HOLY PLACES

Jerusalem (JCNS). - President Shazar gave his traditional New Year reception recently at which about 25 leaders of Christian communities in Israel were present.

Among them were His Beatitude Benedictos I, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch; His Beatitude Yegishe Derderian, the Armenian Orthodox Patriarch; and H. E. Najib Cubain, the Arab Episcopal Bishop, who represented this year the Anglican Church.

In his speech, President Shazar noted the ever-growing cooperation among scholars of different faiths in Israel, and said pilgrims were now arriving to the Holy Land in numbers greater than ever before.

He emphasized that the Government would continue to take scrupulous care of the holy places of all faiths. He could not refrain, he said, from expressing a sense of shock at the fact that terrorist attacks had forced the Ethiopian monks to leave their monastery on the banks of the Jordan.

Replying on behalf of the Church leaders, Benedictos I, agreed with President Shazar that the past year had been a stormy one, adding: "We shall continue to pray for mutual understanding and peace."

Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, and Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs, were also present at the reception.

TERRORIST'S KILL SHEIKH'S SON

Haifa (JCNS). - A hand-grenade aimed at an Israeli military vehicle in Hebron, killed the son of Sheikh Hilmi el-Muhtasib, the Kadi of the Muslim religious court on the West Bank - the highest religious authority in the area.

It also killed the Kadi's 70-year-old brother, Sadek Yusef el-Muhtasib, who was standing with his nephew in the market place where the grenade landed.

The vehicle was undamaged and there were no Israeli casualties. The Military Governor ordered 20 shops in the market to close and a number of suspects were arrested.

In Jerusalem, 15 shopkeepers in Dabarrah Square, near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, were taken into custody and were asked to give information about two young men who had earlier thrown a grenade. The attack was an obvious attempt to disrupt business.

There were many tourists sightseeing and shopping when the Russian-made grenade was thrown in the main alley of the Old City. Five people were taken to hospital where one Arab later died.

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Teddy Kollek, who arrived soon after the explosion said that the incident was evidently staged to discourage tourists.

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PROTEST OVER ARMS SALE

The Federated Zionist Organization of Canada last week issued a strongly worded statement condemning the recent French arms sale to Libya.

"The sale in such massive quantities of sophisticated aircraft," read the release in part, "adds a new dimension to the tragic arms race and undermines the prospects for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East conflict."

S. Chait, president of the Federated Zionist Organization and Monroe Abbey, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, also sent telegrams to Pierre Siraud, ambassador of France to Canada, expressing the deep concern of the Canadian Jewish community over the arms deal with Libya.

OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN AT TOWN HALL MEETING

Irene Heskes, outstanding interpreter of Jewish music, will be the guest artist at the Jewish Town Hall meeting this coming Sunday evening, February 8th, at the YM-YMHA, 5500 Westbury.

"Jewish Music" will be the theme of Miss Heskes presentation. Her fine background of Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino culture has enabled her to develop a large and diversified repertoire, ranging from the ancient liturgical chants of Europe and the Near East to the most recent folksong selections from the State of Israel and contemporary Jewish music in America.

Now in its eleventh consecutive year, the Jewish Town Hall series of Community-wide forums on Jewish culture and creativity, is a joint adult education project, sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, the Labor Zionist Movement, Jewish Public Library and the YM-YWHA of Montreal.

REAR ADMIRAL AT MONTREAL'S GREENBERG DINNER.- Rear Admiral Shlomo Erell of the Israeli Navy will be the guest speaker at Israel Bond testimonial dinner in honor of Harold Greenberg on February 14th at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Harold Greenberg (left) has been long active in the photographic and film industries and has served as president of several Canadian companies including Pathe-Humphries of Canada and Associated Screen Industries of Montreal.

Admiral Erell (right) gained fame in 1967 when his small fleet of Israeli ships completely neutralized the Egyptian navy. He also helped design the fast gunboats recently "delivered" by France to Israel.

Others involved in this Israel Bond testimonial dinner tribute include: David Novek, Israel Bonds chairman of B'nai B'rith's Davis Lodge; Seymour Aper, toastmaster; Harry Shapiro and Tully Grief, coordinators; Gershon Zalmanovitch, ticket convener; Edward Bronfman, Sydney Greenberg and Daiv Peletz, special names chairmen.

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TRIBUTE DINNER FOR RABBI

Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro who has been selected as the "Chomedey Man of the Year" by that community's B'nai B'rith, Shaar Shalom Synagogue and Young Israel. He will be tendered a tribute dinner in support of Israel Bonds on Saturday, February 14th, at the Young Israel of Chomedey Synagogue.

A native Montrealer, Rabbi Spiro received his rabbinic training and ordination at Yeshivah University and has been active since then in editing a rabbinic monthly and serving various Jewish philanthropic agencies. He came to the Chomedey Young Israel in June 1959.

The Ayalons will provide the entertainment at this function. Others who have worked on this dinner include: Hy Reinish and Ben Perlamn, Laval district Bond chairmen and Norman Liben, liaison officer between sponsoring bodies.

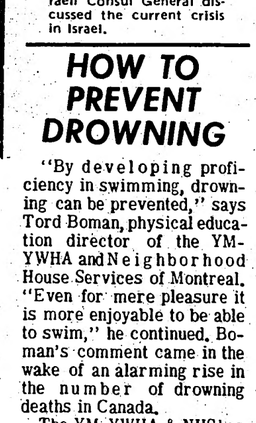
FRENCH LODGE HONORS PRESIDENT.- Mr. Salo Heller of Montreal's La Loge L'Alliance who was the guest of honor at a luncheon in support of the State of Israel Bond program held last week at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Lt. Colonel Jacob Monbaz, Israeli Consul General discussed the current crisis in Israel.

HOW TO PREVENT DROWNING

"By developing proficiency in swimming, drowning can be prevented," says Tord Boman, physical education director of the YM-YWHA and Neighborhood House Services of Montreal. "Even for mere pleasure it is more enjoyable to be able to swim," he continued. Boman's comment came in the wake of an alarming rise in the number of drowning deaths in Canada.

The YM-YWHA & NHS has been offering swimming instruction for the 60 years that they have been in existence, and its schedule for new classes in all levels of proficiency has recently been released.

At the Snowdon Branch registration is now being accepted for three new courses open to members of the Association; an 11-session Red Cross Leaders course which begins February 3; a ten session adult group instruction program that begins February 11th; and a children's instruction program that begins February 16th. Besides these there are the ongoing aquatic programs such as competitive swimming, diving and water polo.



BETH HILLEL PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED.- Nathan Saskin, of Montreal's Beth Hillel congregation who will be the guest of honor at a tribute dinner in support of Israel Bonds on February 22nd. The dinner, to be held at the Beth Hillel Auditorium is also being sponsored by the Hebrew Protective Association.

COMMUNITY LEADER TO BE HONORED.- Charles Bedzow who will be the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner in support of Israel Bonds on February 21st at Montreal's Shaar Shomayim Synagogue. Bedzow has been active on behalf of numerous communal organizations including B'nai B'rith, Combined Jewish Appeal, Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University, Chevra Kadisha, Shaar Zion Synagogue and Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression.

EVENTS IN MONTREAL

Week from Friday, February 6 to Thursday, February 12

Saturday, February 7:

8:00 p.m. - Farband Labor Zionist Forum

Sunday, February 8:

8:30 p.m. - Jewish Town Hall Series - Jewish Music Program - Guest Speaker: Irene Heskes

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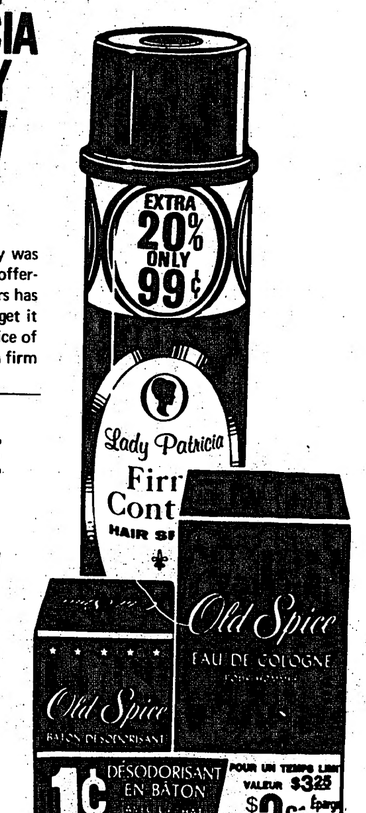

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Trudeau on Auschwitz

THE LESSON

In a moving statement to a Toronto meeting held in remembrance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz inmates, the Right Honorable Pierre E. Trudeau, the Prime Minister said:

"The survivors of Auschwitz, who have experienced the ultimate horror of man's inhumanity to man, bear witness to the importance of a society which is free from hate and oppression, and to the necessity of preserving and strengthening our democratic traditions.

"After a quarter of a century the lesson of Auschwitz is heard with respect by Canadians and free men everywhere."

In this statement addressed to Toronto MP Dr. Stanley Haidasz who was the main speaker, the Prime Minister referred most appropriately to the lesson of Auschwitz.

We believe that Auschwitz was not only a concentration camp for the extermination of millions, but a sad, never-to-be-forgotten symbol of genocide, which, twenty-five years later is still the government policy advocated by some dictators.

What is extremist anti-Israeli propaganda if not a call to genocide? What is the extermination of blacks in the south of the Sudan if not genocide?

When we remember Auschwitz we the Jews of this generation, recall not only the crimes perpetrated by the Nazis but the unbelievable lack of concern and complete demoralization of those who could have prevented it.

Auschwitz to a certain extent, was the result of war, of a racist war. Thus on this anniversary let us remember that the essential enemy is war. It breeds hatred; which in turn breeds persecution, which in its turn breeds extermination of entire peoples.

Encore: WASP psychosis

ABOUT THE GLOBE

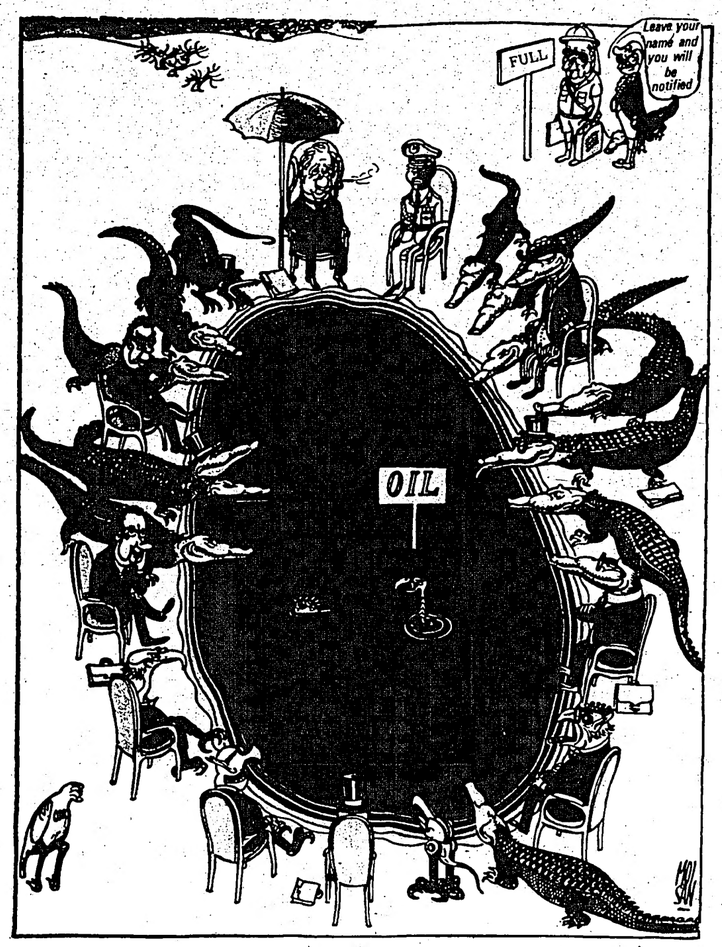
A reader of The Canadian Jewish News violently disagrees with our editorial WASP Psychosis: The Globe Versus Israel (January 30th). He is willing to accept our criticism of a newspaper which claims to be the national voice of Canada yet feels it is wrong to minimize the influence of the Globe's unprecedented attack against Israel and its denunciation of the United States for helping defend her sovereignty.

To a certain degree this position has merit. Although we know that the January 27th Globe editorial does not represent the viewpoint of the Canadian government, it will be quoted abroad as such.

It also seems to us that this editorial is an attack against the United States government, which is certainly as much committed to the search for peace in the Middle East as is this particular Globe editorial writer.

Moreover, it is strange indeed, that on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the end of Auschwitz this newspaper did not even see fit to mention that event. Perhaps subconsciously the author of the editorial against Israel felt that recalling the horror of Nazism might weaken his case in defense of the Arab neo-Nazis.

Of course this attitude on the part of the Globe is a serious problem. Presumably the publishers will now soften the blow of its anti-Israel stance by treating the Jewish community to some meaningless, inane feature about those exotic Jews. For the ghetto-minded Jew the Globe will now doubtlessly publish some article about matza or Purim or other Jewish customs. It might even feature an article by a Jew criticizing the Globe's editorial policy. This latter solution, would of course, strengthen the enemies of Israel by trying to convey the impression that no one but the Jews support the position of the Jewish State.



THE CROCODILES' HOUR

Le Canard enchaîné

BOOKS OF THE WEEK by Dr. Arnold Ages

THE CHURCH AND THE JEWS

ANTISEMITISM AND THE CHRISTIAN MIND
By Alan T. Davies
Herder and Herder
192 pp.

Alan T. Davies, a minister in the United Church of Canada is the author of this thoroughly commendable report on the Christian origins of Jew hatred. Mr. Davies, as can be observed from his essay, is a truly honest man who is unafraid to point his finger at the injustices of the past. This is an all the more courageous venture because much of the responsibility for antisemitism he lays squarely at the door of the Church.

It is highly significant that Richard Rubenstein, the author of After Auschwitz has seen fit to write a preface for Miller's book. Both of these scholars focus on the tragedy of European Jewry in order to demand a new understanding of the church's traditional interpretation of the Jews. Neither are satisfied with the excuse that the fate which befell Europe's Jews was part of the scheme of divine redemption.

What Davies has done in this book is to make a systematic survey of the entire spectrum of Christian beliefs as they exist today with regards to the Jewish. The picture which emerges is not an entirely pleasant one. Despite the liberal positions espoused by such spokesmen as Roy Eckhardt and a handful of others, most Christian ecclesiastics still subscribe to ancient prejudices against the Jewish people.

Davies, however, cannot accept the view that there exists a direct link between the teachings of the church and the destruction of European Jewry. He believes this to be an exaggeration because the Nazis themselves were not Christians although their parents might have been. On the other hand Davies is not ready to completely discard that hypothesis. "There is still much truth," he writes, in Berkovits' chilling judgment against Christianity as to make his accusations difficult to refute without appearing to veil the genuine measure of Christian guilt. The church cannot shut its ears to such accusers, even when their case is exaggerated."

In his survey of current Catholic thinking on Jews, Davies refers on several occasions to the Vatican's 1964 schema on the Jews. After reviewing several positive appreciations of that schema, he presents Eckhardt's analysis: "If by some trick of time this schema could have been promulgated in the thirteenth century, the ideology in it would have been redeemed a little. The powerful are sometimes brought to do justice to the powerless. But in the present instance, while the voices are voices that would foster understanding, the hands are hands which have clasped death: the death of Christendom 'the death of God', and the death of six million Jews. How admirable of us now to exonerate the Jewish people for all their reputed transgressions! Could there be a more damning judgment upon the church of our century than this one - that not until after the day of Auschwitz did Christians see fit to fabricate a correction of the record."

I might add that never have I seen a more fitting dissection of the church's duplicity.

Among Protestant thinkers the author reports that there is currently much intellectual fermentation on the Jewish question. Krister Stendahl of Harvard, for example, says that anti-Jewish elements in the New Testament must be understood in light of their proper historical setting. Yet the same Stendahl is frank enough to wonder whether the average Christian has sufficient sophistication to make this distinction in most cases.

One of the curious phenomena in the literature of Christians who deal with Jews is the "hard" line on Judaism which is adopted by Jewish converts to Christianity. Thus the French Catholic scholar Judant, despite her best efforts to deny the presence of antisemitism in Christian teachings, continues to perpetuate the canard that the historic suffering of the Jews can only be understood in the perspective of divine retribution for Israel's rejection of the Messiah.

In the same way Toronto's Jakob Jocz consistently adopts an invariably "tough" line on Jews and Judaism. Davies says the following about Jocz: "For Jocz's value judgments are consciously slanted against the intrinsic contest of the Jewish faith, which, in common with many Protestants, he apparently imagines to be legalistic."

All in all Davies survey of Christian thinking on Jews is disquieting because it shows that despite all talk of inter-religious understanding Christians for the most part, have hardly advanced beyond the Middle Ages in their views on Judaism.

ASK THE RABBI

a JCNS featurette

Is a Jew converted to Christianity still regarded as a Jew?

In the Talmud the term *mumar* or *meshummad* was used in the sense of a habitual transgressor of the laws of the Torah or some part of it. The notion of an apostate as one who converts to another faith was unknown. But in the post-Talmudic period these terms were applied to converts to Islam or Christianity, and the question of whether such converts are still regarded as Jews in any sense was widely discussed.

Rashi and his school, and they were followed subsequently by practically all Jewish authorities, decided that Jewish law does not acknowledge conversion to another religion so that, for example, the laws of levirate marriage *(in Deuteronomy 25, 5-9)* apply to the sister-in-law of an apostate and the Biblical laws of succession apply in his case. On the verse: "Israel hath sinned" *(Joshua 7, 11)*. R. Abba comments: "Even though they have sinned, they are still called Israel" *(Sanhedrin 44a)*. Originally, this simply signified that the high rank of belonging to "Israel" is not forfeited by sin.

But, under Rashi's influence, it became a legal maxim, namely, "An Israelite, even if he has sinned (i.e., by becoming a convert to another religion) is still an Israelite." *(The history of this whole concept has been traced with skill by Jacob Katz in* Tarbiz, *Vol. 27, Jan., 1958, pp. 203-217.)*

Naturally, this does not mean that Jewish law still recognises the apostate as a Jew for other than purely legal purposes. He is obviously no longer an adherent of the Jewish religion. The story is told that the Gaon of Vilna offered a drink to a *meshummad* and asked him to recite a blessing. When he objected that he had long ago been converted, the Gaon is said to have admonished him that he is still a Jew in the eyes of Jewish law and has no escape from all his Jewish obligations.

A correspondent suggested last week that a halachic ruling given by a rabbi which relates to his own congregation should then be referred to the Beth Din for further consideration. Does the halacha allow a Beth Din (or even a Chief Rabbi) to overrule the rabbi of a congregation?

"If a sage declared something unclean or forbidden, his colleague is not permitted to declare it clean or permitted" *(Hullin 44b)*. This Talmudic passage is the source of the many discussions on rabbinic ethics in the matter of decisions *(see Yoreh Deah 242, 31)*. The general practice in Jewish communities has been for each town to appoint its rabbi (assisted in the larger towns by a Beth Din) who becomes the sole authority for that town. But he may voluntarily submit some of his legal problems to a colleague more learned than he Since the United Synagogue and similar institutions acknowledge the Chief Rabbi (and/or his Beth Din) as the "Rabbi of the town" it can be said that all other rabbis under his jurisdiction have voluntarily relinquished their right to give independent decisions. But is the surrender really voluntary? Moreover, it is unknown in Jewish tradition for one rabbi to enjoy authority over his colleagues by virtue of office rather than learning.

KEEP SMILING

SHNORRER WITH DIGNITY

Spiegel was making his usual rounds, extracting nickels and dimes from his regular "customers". But when he reached the house of Mrs. Hurwitz he was told, "Come back tomorrow; I haven't any spare cash right now."

"I'm sorry, Madam," said Spiegel firmly, "but you'll have to give me something now. I don't do business on credit!"

ONE WAY

A couple of businessmen were talking about a mutual acquaintance.

"I put him on his feet," boasted the first.

"You did?" exclaimed the other. "Why, you have a reputation as the most hard-hearted man in town! Why would you put him on his feet?"

"Because he couldn't keep up with his payments. I repossessed his car!"

UP TO THE JUDGE

Learning from Cary Grant, Peter Sellers is leaving the alimony for Britt Ekland up to the judge. He is willing to be divorced but not willing to pay what Britt feels she ought to get.

UP TO A POINT

A prosperous, aging furrier, now that death was not too far off, decided to get on the good side of God. So he went to the local rabbi and insisted that he finally had bowed to religion.

The dubious rabbi, after questioning the furrier at length, asked, "Are you going to repay all your debts and forgive those who are indebted to you?"

"Just a minute, Rabbi," protested the other, "you aren't talking religion now -- you're talking business!"

LOOKING AHEAD

The little old man approached his boss timidly. "Mr. Shlepper, can I have tomorrow off? It's my golden anniversary."

"By God!" snarled Shlepper, "will I have to put up with this hutzpah every fifty years?"

HOSPITAL PROBLEM SOLVED

Jerusalem (JCNS). - Israel's two Chief Rabbis and religious and medical dignitaries participated in the formal installation of revolving doors on each floor of the Hadassah Medical Center here to separate the hospital from the adjoining medical school.

This has been done so that Cohanim (Priests) can attend hospital with a clear conscience, knowing that they are not in the same building with corpses.

For seven years since the opening of the new premises in Ein Kerem, outside Jerusalem, the problem of maintaining the legal fiction of separateness had vexed the Rabbinate and the medical authorities. Attempts were made to solve it by electronic doors at either end of each corridor so that as one closed the other opened, but they were so much in use that the system repeatedly broke down.

A special committee of rabbis, doctors and engineers then decided on revolving doors, constructed by hand in such a way so that no air passes from one building into the other, thus satisfying halachic demands.

Rabbi I. J. Unterman, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, said at yesterday's ceremony that the episode proved that "all problems, even including autopsies, can be solved, provided that there is goodwill on all sides."

Ancient mining center found

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - An ancient turquoise mining center and a deposit of native copper were found in the southern peninsula last year by the Araba expedition of Dr. Beno Rothenberg of Tel Aviv University's institute for archaeological research. The expedition discovered 82 ancient sites.

A monumental hieroglyphic inscription dating from 2487 - 2473 BCE was found at the mining camp. Carved into the rock by the men of Sehure, King of Egypt, it read: "Thoth - lord of fear, destroyer of Asia." (Thoth was the name of an Egyptian God).

The discovery of natural copper by Dr. Rothenberg's team was the first of its kind in the area and it provides an important link in the history of metal in ancient Egypt and in Israel.

A total of 192 ancient sites have been found since the survey began in 1967 as a joint project of the Haaretz Museum in Tel Aviv and the institute. Dr. Rothenberg plans another season in South Sinai before exploring the north.

The costs of the 1969 expedition were met with the help of Beth David Salomons, London; the Ch.J. and F. Rothenberg Foundation; Elath District Council; Elath Municipality and the Haaretz Museum.

Sermon for the week

MORAL DECISIONS

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil . . . to turn aside after a multitude to wrest judgment (Exodus XXIII, 2).

From this negatively framed injunction Jewish law infers an important positive rule: that, except when it is "to do evil," one should follow the majority. This does not mean that the majority decision necessarily bears the seal of ultimate truth. It is possible that the minority view may, after all, be proved to have been right. But where a conflict of opinion, or an element of doubt, exists, it is a convenient guide for reaching a decision.

This principle of majority rule is not only applied in every branch of Jewish law, but can be found at work wherever free expression of opinion exists. Without it democratic society would be fragmentised and all decisive action brought to a standstill. The Torah, you will notice, does not find it necessary to give this rule direct formulation; it can be left for human logic to infer.

But when moral issues are involved, then majority decision breaks down as a reliable guide. When, according to our mind and conscience, the majority errs in moral judgment, when its actions are all on the wrong lines and violate basic standards of right and wrong, then "thou shalt not follow the multitude to do evil." This is a warning to which the Torah, so deeply aware of human weakness, gives direct, emphatic expression. To resist being carried along by the mass, to respect the integrity of one's mind and heart against the steamroller of a misguided majority, this requires a freedom of will and spirit that needs to be reinforced by a direct, explicit command. For the urge to renounce that freedom is deeply rooted in the human heart. And because this is so, the Torah legislates that the slave who refuses to go free shall have his ear pierced as an eternal token of his servitude of spirit.

It is this urge towards the safety of slavery that has led whole nations to give up the adventure of freedom and take shelter in the totalitarian systems. For the price of freedom is responsibility; the obligation to make moral decisions, and uphold them no matter what numbers are ranged on the other side. To the Jew, the renunciation of freedom and its attendant obligations, is a repudiation of the divine image in which man was created, and of the divine attribute of truth which he is bidden to imitate and make his own.

In all the lands of his dispersion the rôle of the Jew has been that of the historic minority, the eternal protestant who has known and felt the cost of maintaining his identity, and the integrity of his beliefs, against the weight of the majority groups among whom he has lived. In all his obstinate insistence on his right to differ, the Jew has been a barometer of the civilisation of his time, challenging the complacency and self-righteousness of the world; daring to face the loneliness and hostility that awaits the rebel, because he has the belief that the world desperately needs to be redeemed, and that he has been called to play his lonely rôle for a purpose, and by a Power, higher and above himself.

letters to the Editor

NEEDS HELP

Dear Editor,

I should like to seek your help and that of your readers regarding help in finding a job for a very worthy human being.

The man I am referring to (he is not Jewish) has recently fled Czechoslovakia and is presently living in Montreal, with one daughter and two grandchildren. He will accept any form of employment though at home he was a railroad official.

The unusual feature of this wonderful person is that during the war this man, at obvious risk to himself and his family, hid, clothed and fed several Slovak Jews, among whom were very close relatives of mine including my late brother.

His life after the war was made additionally difficult by his fellow Slovaks who mocked him for this humane act.

Words fail me in imploring those whom the Lord has favored with means to show this rare human being that Jews are grateful and that they appreciate what he did, and that deeds of this nature are worthy of being given the widest publicity possible.

For those who are able to help I include his address - Mr. Samuel Brezovsky, 1500 Decarie Blvd, Apt. 47, Montreal 381, P.Q. Phone 748-9778.

Emil Newman
Montreal

RELATIVE SOUGHT

Dear Editor,

While reading the January 9th issue of your newspaper I noticed the photograph of Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum and the article dealing with the Eitz Chaim schools. I was most interested to learn that Rabbi Nussbaum was born near Cracow, Poland because my maiden name is also Nussbaum and my family comes from a small town near Cracow.

I should very much like to get in touch with Rabbi Nussbaum and would appreciate it if you could let me have his address.

I came to Montreal in 1949 after spending some time in Germany. My home was originally in Poland.

Mrs. F. Birenhak
2500 Van-Horne, Apt. 6,
Montreal, P.Q.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Editor,

The heading, "4 Million raised for Bonds" in your issue of January 16th records a fantastic achievement. The officers of the Israel Bond Organization and the Jewish community of Toronto should be congratulated. I am sure they all feel happy about the achievement.

Toronto should do something to pass on its technique to other Jewish communities. The tribute dinners is an excellent idea. The City of New York for example, has thirty times as many Jews who have 45 times as much wealth as the Jewish community of Toronto. That means that they should raise from 120 to 180 million dollars this year in bonds. I doubt whether they will achieve it. The Toronto technique transferred to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit and many other centers would bring many many millions that are so badly needed in Israel.

Henry S. Rosenberg
Toronto
(Tucson, Ariz.)

BLACK ANTISEMITISM

Dear Editor,

Dr. Arnold Ages deserves thanks for his characterization of the title of the book Black Anti-Semitism and Jewish Racism, in his review in you issue of January 16, 1970.

A historical note is in order. In the spring of 1968, I was approached on the telephone by a person of Jewish descent, a representative of the publishers of the book, Richard Baron (presumably a "Jewish" firm), with the request that I contribute an article to the volume. I refused to do so unless the title of the book is changed. I based my refusal on the view that the very title would constitute a contribution to propaganda for the genocide of the Jews.

I argued that the title implicitly assumed two equal contending forces, Jewish racism and Negro antisemitism. I mentioned among my arguments that I have not come across poetry written by Jews advocating lampshades made of black skins, but I have read poems by blacks expressing unhappiness of Hitler's incompleted genocide against Jews and urging that more lampshades made of Jewish skins and more genocidal propaganda. I gave as examples poems by Le Roi Jones and other intellectuals who set the tone for the would be pogromists. Of course I lost the argument, as proven by the appearance of the book. I also had a lengthy phone conversation with Mr. Albert Vorspan, in which I urged him to withdraw his promised contribution to the book unless the title is changed. He disagreed with my view.

Unfortunately, I had no time to call the other Jewish contributors to the book or even to write to them. I regret that I was in no position to pursue the matter further. As it is, the book constitutes an important weapon in the armory of black and leftist antisemitism and will contribute to the continued deterioration in the position of the Jewish proletarian and lower middle classes.

I also wish to congratulate you on your position with regards to French culture among Quebec Jewry. I have been advocating French acculturation for many years.

We know that in the long run assimilation into the ruling cultures in multi-national set-ups has not been helpful to Jews.

Abraham G. Duker
(Director of Libraries, Professor of History and Social Institutions)
Yeshiva University,
New York

JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

By Rueben Turner

MELODY OF SURVIVAL

MUSIC and song have run like a golden thread through our long history, and this thread has, during the course of time, become a strong chain which has been responsible in no small measure for the hope, inspiration and survival of the Jewish people. It has become the connecting link between one generation and the next.

Since Biblical times, music has played an important role in the life of our people. At the time of the First Temple we read of 4,000 singers and musicians taking part in the Divine service (Chronicles I: 23, 5); 288 teachers of music and singing were engaged to train the orchestras and choirs. Here was created the highest union of religion and art, of aesthetics and ethics.

In the discussions that took place among our sages in Talmudic times, we see that music and melody are considered important audio-aids for the memory (Megilla 33a). The Talmud also tells us that music and song are essential for spiritual perfection (Arachin 11a).

During the years of dispersion the source of Jewish music was to be found in the *nusach*, motif, of each of the synagogue services.

The ancient musical system has been handed down throughout the ages, always with the hope of a return to Zion, re-echoing the prophetic voice of Isaiah: "Hark, thy watchmen. They lift up the voice, together do they sing. For they shall see eye-to-eye, the Lord returning to Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; For the Lord has confronted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem."

Sabbath songs

In the home, too, the sound of song could be heard each Shabbat and every festival. The table *zemirot* created the relaxed and sanctified atmosphere for the occasion. However, not only in the synagogue and in the home could be heard the strains of our musical heritage, but in every week-day activity, at work and during study, on sad or on gay occasions, music and song always permeated the life of the Jew. As Rabbi A. J. Heschel puts it: "But the Jew always sang: the student over the Talmud, the tailor while sewing a pair of trousers, the cobbler while mending tattered shoes and the preacher while delivering a sermon."

From birth to death, from "Rozinkes mit Mandelen" to "Shema Yisrael," the Jew's ears were always attuned to melody. Through persecution and the gas-chambers, a new melody for "Ani Ma'amin" would be born. Through the fervour of chasidic zeal, a new tune for "Lecha Dodi" would be created. Through the cantor's art the musical heritage has been kept alive through the centuries and has been a spiritual force which has given hope and inspiration to each generation.

One would ask what is the reason for the fact that out of the forty-odd instruments mentioned in Biblical and Talmudic literature, only the shofar has survived; that the musical culture of a people should have disappeared, whereas the Church, which derived its entire musical liturgy from the ritual music of the Jews, has been enriched and preserved to this very day.

The answer is quite simple. After the destruction of the Second Temple, in the year 70, the Jews were dispersed throughout the world. Circumstances did not allow the pursuit of music and song in the fashion which the people had enjoyed in their own country and in the closely-knit community of Babylon. The main thing was to keep alive. To overcome economic difficulties and religious intolerance.

Only in the synagogue could one still hear and sing the melodies of the past and pass the melody on from father to son. Only the shofar, the symbol of Messianic deliverance, remained as a reminder of the instrumental grandeur of the Jewish people, which terminated exactly nineteen centuries ago.

Now that we have been privileged to see the rebirth of the Jewish State, we look forward to a revival of our ancient musical cult and liturgy to the full, influencing not only the people of Israel—where else but in the State of Israel can one hear so much singing—but also the Jews of the diaspora, building a musical bridge.

Already music and song in Israel have been revitalised with important benefits to Jews throughout the world: new melodies for Shabbat and the festivals; music and words taken from the liturgy for modern compositions; new liturgical compositions; a keen interest and sudden revival in Chasidic music and annual folk-song festivals.

Jewish music, which is music of the soul and which has miraculously survived two millennia of persecution, destruction and endless tribulation, and which has preserved the faith of the Jewish people, must now continue to be the chain which links each and every community with Israel and Judaism.

Thus we see that belief and faith are closely linked with music and song and with the future of the house of Israel.

The Assyrian quartet in this relief dating from the seventh century BCE is using instruments similar to those employed in the Temple.

toronto after dark

* The University of Toronto's Oxford String Quartet gave the second of three concerts at the Edward Johnson Building last week. The quartet which has appeared recently at the Lincoln Center in New York City, selected works from Beethoven, Prokofieff and Mendelssohn.

The Edward Johnson Building was also the scene last week of a recital given by Nicanor Zabaleta, the internationally known harpist. Zabaleta a one time child prodigy has played as soloist with the major philharmonic orchestras in the world.

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* Victor Feldbrill was the guest conductor with the Toronto Symphony last week. He was joined by the two hundred voices of the Lawrence Park collegiate choir directed by John P. Barron. His choral group has been chosen to act as the Toronto Kiwanis Festival representatives in the Dominion finals.

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* The Imperial Room's Moxie Whitney is continuing his policy of bringing the biggest names in show business to the Royal York. In February he will present The Vogues, Tony Sadler and Ralph Young. Dana Valery, Duke Ellington and Rich Little will grace the Imperial's stage in March.

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* The twenty-third consecutive edition of Canada's longest running review, Spring Thaw '70 opened last week for a three week "pruning" session.

Preview patrons are being invited to participate in polishing director Moni Yakim's new collection of sketches, musical numbers and comedy acts.

Among the stars of this years show are Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Carmel Lombardo and Andy Kim. From the over thirty original songs submitted, seventeen will be chosen for the final preview on February 15th.

* The director of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, Leon Major has announced that this Spring there will be three world premieres of works by Canadian playwrights plus an hilarious play by Boris Via, the French-Russian dramatist.

Man Inc. described as a dazzling tapestry of Man from Genesis to 2001 will have the benefit of a National Film Board living screen effect to combine film projection with live actors. It opens February 26th.

The following night Jack Gray's Striker Schneiderman, a play dealing with the 1919 Winnipeg general strike, opens under the direction of Leon Major. Ted Fellows will direct Boris Vian's The Knacker's ABC which opens on March 1st. Using the image of a slaughterhouse for horses, Vian raises a hymn to the indestructible human spirit.

On April 21st the St. Lawrence Centre will present a new English version of Goethe's Faust translated by Barker Fairley and adapted by Peter Raby. Both Part 1 (Gounod's opera) and Part 2, a psychedelic trip through a surrealist Hell are included.

The children won't be forgotten either. For them there will be the delightful fantasy Popcorn Man a new Canadian musical play by Dodi Robb and Pat Patterson. It opens on March 14th.

* The all-time champion of the dance marathon, singer Frankie Laine, kicked off a series of marathons at Friar's Tavern Wednesday.

The marathons, will be held to publicize the forthcoming opening of Friar's new room which will in atmosphere, hark back to the era of the twenties and thirties, complete with banjos, jazz, straw-hatted waiters, peanuts and sawdust.

The revival of interest in marathons has been given a boost with the current popularity of Jane Fonda's new hit movie, They Shoot Horses, Don't They?, showing in Toronto.

Friar's management plans to hold the marathons each Wednesday from noon with each week's winners competing in a major marathon when the new room is opened. Grand prize is a Synchronex super-8 sound-on-film camera outfit.

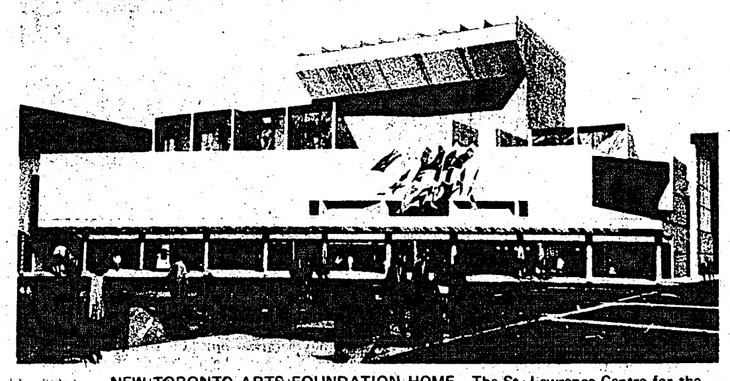
Says Friar's manager, Gord Josie: "There are no entry fees, no obligations on the part of the contestants... except to keep moving. They will be fed while they are dancing or moving."

COMEDY QUARTET AT MUSIC FESTIVAL.- The 4 Ayalons, Israel's comedy singing stars who will appear at a concert sponsored by Adath Israel Congregation this Saturday evening, February 7th. Billed as an Israeli Revue the concert also will feature the Nirkoda Israeli Dance Troupe.

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum and the Adath Israel Choir will participate in the festival. Bill Berle and his orchestra are also on the program.

THE VOGUES, recording stars of Warner Bros.- Reprise, will be appearing at the Imperial Room at Toronto's Royal York Hotel from February 6th to February 14th. The three young singers, frequent guests on major U.S. television network shows, have a long list of hit records including My Special Angel, Till, Woman Helping Man, and their million-seller Turn Around Look At Me.

IRENE HESKES, will participate at Montreal's Jewish Music Festival, Sunday evening, February 8th, at the YM-YWHA, 5500 Westbury Ave. Miss Heskes is an outstanding interpreter of Jewish music.



NEW TORONTO ARTS FOUNDATION HOME.- The St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, the majestic new building at Front and Scott Streets in Toronto. This spring the Centre is offering three world premieres of works by Canadian playwrights, a comedy satire by French-Russian dramatist Boris Vian and a childrens' musical fantasy entitled Popcorn Man.

A CUTE BAG OF TRICKS.- Some of the cast of Spring Thaw '70 who are ready to present their new bag of comedy sketches and songs at Toronto's Playhouse Theater. Opening night for the 1970 version of this perennial favorite is February 16th, a benefit performance for the Inner City Angels.

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BULLETINS

HIJACK WARNING TO WEST GERMAN AIRLINE

Cologne (JCNS). - Special security measures were introduced on services to the Middle East, including Lydda airport in Israel, after the Lufthansa airline received warning that three Iraqui students planned to hijack a plane.

A Lufthansa spokesman said here that police who searched the rooms occupied by the students in West Berlin had not found any arms or explosives or "other incriminating material." In view of this, the security measures had been "partly lifted."

TO FIGHT POVERTY IN BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires (JCNS). - Amia, the organization of the Buenos Aires Ashkenazi community, is planning research into social conditions to fight poverty. This follows a report from Gregorio Fainguersch, the president, that the community, although affluent in many ways, possesses one of the highest percentages of poor people in the free world, with at least one in ten families in the poverty category.

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NEARLY THREE MILLION PEOPLE

Jerusalem (JCNS). - The population of Israel totalled 2,919,000 at the end of 1969, of whom 2,497,000 are Jews and 422,000 non-Jews, according to provisional figures just given by a spokesman for the Central Bureau of Statistics here.

This marks an increase of 62,000 in the Jewish population and 16,000 in the number of non-Jews in the course of the year.

The increase in the Jewish population, the spokesman added, did not take into account the great number of new arrivals from the West who had registered as temporary residents, and of whom a large number might be expected to settle for good.

The Jewish birthrate also grew - from 22.9 per thousand in 1968, to 23.4 per thousand in 1969.

VON THADDEN MEETINGS CANCELLED

London (JCNS). - The Oxford Union has called off a series of meetings which were to have been attended by Adolf von Thadden, leader of the extremist Right-wing West German National Democratic Party.

Pressure from Left-wing elements at the university and from Jewish students resulted in the union's president, Guy Harkin, cancelling the plans. If these meetings had been held, he stated, "there would have been a riot."

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SPAIN'S RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

Madrid (JCNS). - Hopes are vanishing that the Spanish Government which took over last October, will change Spain's policy towards Israel.

Interviewed by Spain's most important daily, ABC, which is published in Madrid, the Foreign Minister, Gregorio Lopez Bravo, said that Spain would recognize Israel when the Arab countries did so and when it could be useful for the cause of peace.

He stressed that there was no antisemitism in Spain. "During the war, Spain protected Sephardi Jews and saved their lives by the hundreds," he claimed.

"In Salonika, Istanbul and other cities of the eastern Mediterranean, there are flourishing colonies of Spanish Jews."

Asked about Spain's traditional policy of friendship with the Arab countries, the Foreign Minister said that it would continue, adding that he would accept an official invitation to visit Cairo.

"NOT PART OF EUROPE"

Brussels (JCNS). - The Common Market has rejected a request by Israel to participate in a forthcoming European conference on patents.

Market member-States had "good will and sympathy" towards Israel, a Common Market statement said, but Israel was not geographically part of Europe.

OUT OF FAVOR IN PRAGUE

Prague (JCNS). - Since August, 1968, a third of Czechoslovakia's then Jewish population of about 14,000 have emigrated. But although they have left the country, they are still denigrated in Prague.

Certain circles in the Czech capital blame many of them for the anti-Czechoslovak propaganda emanating from Western countries, even though the truth is that many of the propagandists are non-Jews, not "Jews and Zionists".

Jews are also being blamed for the liberalizing actions of the Dubcek era.

As distinct from prominent Jews in politics and in the Communist Party, the official communities have not been attacked, since they never involved themselves in politics. The State continues to finance Jewish institutions, maintain and repair synagogues and renovate old cemeteries.

Millions of Kroners have been spent in Prague on restoring the Jewish Town Hall, the Altneu Synagogue and the Pinkas Synagogue, with its memorial to the 77,000 Czechoslovak Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

410,000 TOURISTS IN 1969

Jerusalem (JCNS). - Despite the security situation and last winter's increase in group tour rates, the year 1969 has proved an excellent year for tourism to Israel, with 410,000 people visiting the Jewish State.

This compares with the record figure of 432,000 in 1968, the first post-1967 war year when Jews and non-Jews flocked to see the victorious nation, the newly opened areas, unified Jerusalem, and the Western Wall.

The Ministry of Tourism, which has just published these figures, considers the reduction in the British travel allowance a contributory factor in the 5.5 percent drop.

However, the average tourist stayed in the country for 15 days compared with 14 days in 1968, and revenue from tourism remained therefore at the 1968 level, the Ministry spokesman stated.

CANON MONTEFIORE SPEAKS OF HIS JEWISHNESS

London (JCNS). - Canon Hugh Montefiore, appointed Suffragan Bishop of Kingston last week, stated in interviews after his appointment: "I was born a Jew and will always be one.

"I don't think being or not being a Jew is relevant. In Christianity there is neither Gentile nor Jew -- just God's children."

Canon Montefiore, who joined the Anglican Church at the age of 17, when he was at Rugby School, comes from one of Anglo-Jewry's leading Sephardi families.

His father, the late Charles Sebag-Montefiore, was president of the elders of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation from 1946 to 1960.

NEO-NAZISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg (JCNS). - "Hitler, the great failure, may be dead, but Nazism most certainly is not. South Africa must accept that she is now the target for this activity . . .," is the view of Aida Parker, a leading South African journalist.

Writing in the fortnightly Argus group publication, Personality, Miss Parker stressed the danger of "the sudden interest international Nazism is now taking" in South Africa.

In her view, this interest was inspired by the emergence of Dr. Albert Herzog's extremist Right-wing Afrikaner Herstigte Nasionale Party. Although it would be unjust to describe Dr. Herzog and his aide, Jaap Marais, as neo-Nazis, "their . . . racial extremism has unleashed many other forces on the South African political scene," Miss Parker wrote.

The article mentioned a number of individuals and organizations in particular Pretoria's Herr Helmut von Lichtenfeld, a former member of the State Information Service, editor of South Africa's top neo-Nazi publication, Afrika-Spiegel. He is seen by many here as the real leader of neo-nazism in the country.

NEW YORK YESHIVOT PLAN CAMPAIGN TO END FINANCIAL CRISIS

New York (JCNS). - A militant campaign is planned by the Association of Yeshiva Principals and Administrators here to influence the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York to allocate more money to Jewish day schools.

An emergency meeting of the association approved a resolution instructing a committee of 21 to "take all necessary steps," including student and parent demonstrations, mass picketing by teachers, and closing schools "as a last resort."

It was reported that the financial position of Orthodox day schools had grown worse each year. Teachers received about half the remuneration in public schools and speakers said that some had not been paid for more than four months and that some schools were without heating.

The federation's allocation of $40,000 to Torah Umesorah, the organization of day schools, was the equivalent of some $1 for each child. In reply to earlier representations by association members, the federation had appointed a "study commission," which most delegates felt was unnecessary.

MORE TERRORISTS ARRESTED

Tel Aviv (JCNS). - A group of 14 Israeli Arabs belonging to El Fatah were arrested recently in the villages of Tirah and Taibeh, near Netanya. They are suspected of a number of terrorist incidents in the Tel Aviv area, and are said to have been recruited by an El Fatah agent from the West Bank.

Seventeen Arabs were also arrested on suspicion of plotting to kill Mr. Yigal Allon, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, planting a bomb at the railway station and conspiring to commit sabotage.

MRS. MEIR AT BRIT MILA OF BEGIN'S FIRST GRANDSON

Jerusalem (JCNS). - The Israeli Cabinet adjourned its regular meeting, to enable the Premier, Mrs. Golda Meir, and most Ministers to attend the brit mila (circumcision ceremony) of the first grandson of one of Menahem Begin, the Minister without Portfolio and Herut leader.

The father is Mr. Begin's son, Benjamin Zeev Begin, Lieutenant - General Haim Barlev, the Chief of Staff, and Mordecai Rahamim, the security man acquitted of murdering an Arab in Switzerland, shared the honors with Menahem Begin.

DANISH VOLUNTEER WOUNDED BY MINE

Haifa (JCNS). - A 19-year-old Danish volunteer working at the Nahal Golan Kibbutz in the Golan Heights was severely injured when he stepped on a mine.

Nelson Ghert and a colleague ignored a fenced area and entered a minefield to take a short cut during a walk. Settlers rescued Mr. Ghert whose leg was amputated.

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"Wait! I held out for a whole week -- not even the headlines, nothing! But in the middle of the second week I felt that unless I read a paper right away, I'd go stark, raving mad. After all, you can't cut yourself off from the world completely, can you? One evening, I broke down, went over to the neighbors' and begged them to lend me yesterday's paper. I devoured it. The first newspaper in more than a week!"

"I can imagine."

"Wait! I turned to the inner pages and the first thing my eyes fell on was the report of the British Ministry of Health. It knocked me flat. They said that every man who smokes more than 30 cigarettes a day is bound to lose his masculinity, or something, I smoke two packs a day."

"Hmmm . . ."

On the first day of the cure I still found it necessary to burn the paper so as not to break my oath and read about the hazards of smoking.

"I realized that I had to do something drastic, otherwise I'd sink deeper and deeper into this nightmare. 'To stop reading newspapers entirely won't do,' I said to myself. 'I'll have to break away from the reports gradually!' With that, the struggle started.

But after a few days, it became easier, I read the news carefully and tried just to skip through the inside pages.

But one night while reading a magazine in bed the vice gripped me again: my eyes fell on the mortality chart drafted by the Weizmann Institute. It was a terrific temptation, Sir! I was dying to read! I bit my lips to shreds, pushed a pillow into my mouth, but I did not read a word of the report!"

"I envy you, so help me!"

"It was tough, but now I'm all right. Nowadays, if I see a report in the paper, believe me, I simply ignore it. I'm rid altogether of newspaper reports. And ever since, I feel wonderful, as if I had been reborn."

VANCOUVER BOUND.- A group of the more than sixty members of the Quebec Hadassah delegation waiting for their CP Airplane at the Montreal International Airport. The Biennial Convention which was held in Vancouver attracted Hadassah delegates from all over Canada.

"ISRAEL'S MOST UNUSUAL IMMIGRANT"

Haifa (JCNS). - Israel's most unusual immigrant - in the view of Jewish Agency officials, who have dealt with hundreds of thousands over the years - arrived here to settle with his wife and three children.

He is the former Mr. Dieter von Schwarz, 30, a member of a noble German Protestant family, now known as Gershon Ben-Abraham. He is an architect by profession. He and his wife and children became proselytes in 1968.

Ben-Abraham said that he intended to live as an Orthodox Jew although politically, he was Left-wing. Among his ancestors, he stated, there had been a number of Jews converted to Christianity. One of them, Gottlieb Suarez, wrote a constitution for Frederick the Great of Prussia, and another wrote the Austrian penal code for the Emperor Franz Josef.

He took to studying Judaism after what the Nazis did to the Jews, Ben-Abraham said, and was converted by Rabbi Itzhak Grunwald, of Munich, after being circumcised at the Jewish hospital in Amsterdam.

Recipe for the week

BROCCOLI IN BROWN BUTTER SAUCE

1 bunch fresh broccoli, weighing about 1 1/2 lbs.
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Wash broccoli and trim off the tough portion of each stalk. Place in a saucepan with one inch of boiling water and salt. Cover. Bring to a boil and cook 15 minutes or until crisp-tender, lifting the cover two or three times as the vegetable cooks. Drain and place in a serving dish.

Meanwhile brown butter lightly in a saucepan. Remove from heat and add lemon juice and pepper. Pour over broccoli and serve immediately.

Yield: 6 servings.

HUMAN RELATIONS

The Men in Her Life

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION:

My husband and I were married when I was six months pregnant. He resisted until I put my foot down and said that either he would marry me or I would throw him out of my life and he would never see his child.

I have a son, 5, from my first marriage. He was spoiled by my mother and myself in order to make up for the inhuman treatment he got from my first husband.

He is a very impressionable child. My new husband doesn't seem to be able to cope with the problem of a 5-year old. He harasses him and constantly makes side remarks that he is stupid and not normal.

We fight a lot about the older child. He constantly says he will send him to his father, who now lives out West, and hasn't sent a cent for his support in almost two years.

ANSWER:

The way a mother rears a little boy depends to a large degree on her estimate of the male sex.

If her experiences with men have been unhappy or disappointing, she may take out her resentments and hostilities on the little boy, by being overpermissive or much too punitive.

In a remarriage, even under the best circumstances, comparisons are bound to be made with the past. At times, when disagreements arise, the new one is found inferior and at fault.

When there are children of the former marriages, there are naturally more adjustments to be made. A child is a concrete reminder of the mate's former marriage. The new husband may be more accepting of the child of the former mate died. But when the real father is still alive, especially if he doesn't contribute adequately to the child's support, the new husband may resent carrying all the responsibilities for a child that isn't his, while not having full authority or getting enough love and respect.

He may then use the child to get even with the wife when she denies him his rightful due in any area. The wife may use the child, especially if it is a boy, to incite either anger or love in her present husband, by becoming overattentive to her child.

Despite the hesitancies and reluctance of your husband to get married, both of you really wanted the baby. Pregnancies like this are not accidental, even though not consciously planned for. He probably felt that you were using the baby to get him to marry you, as he probably now feels that you are using the baby to gain your own ends, instead of regarding it as his gift of love to you.

To require your husband to cope with your son's problem, in addition to his own guilt, is perhaps more than he can take.

Your attitude towards males needs to be examined. You seem to treat them like little children who have to be told what to do, and must be threatened with dire punishment, if they disobey.

It would be good to face up to your psychological problems and work them out with an expert, so that you do not repeat in this marriage the behavior that led to a divorce in your first one. Getting your way with your present husband will not resolve your problems or improve your over-all relationships.

When you take on full responsibility for your own behavior and do not blame others for your mistakes, you will stop making them.

SIGNS OF OLD AGE

by Ruthie

You're getting old if, one fine morning, you grab for anything getting out of bed and crawl into the kitchen like someone who's ready for the box. And you don't even care.

What the heck! You'll get the kids off to school and fuss later. You may even want to go back to bed. So why primp?

As for looking just so for your mate . . . Well, after so many years he ought to be able to take it, especially when he looks a wreck before shaving.

Then when you do get dressed, you figure: so the stockings have runs. So what? And your skirt is too long. So what? Good enough for picking weeds.

Then you're surprised when the kids shout in unison,

"Mommy, we're embarrassed. What if someone sees you?"

The *khootzpa* (nerve)!

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You're getting old when you glance through your wardrobe and unexcitedly figure: so most of the junk's five years old at least. Well ,a hem here, a colored neckerchief there will perk it up? Anyway the kids need . . .

You feel good because, like a real mama, you're sacrificing. After all, it's their day.

So what happens?

"In that thing you're going out? Ha, ha. Look at Mommy. I wouldn't be caught dead like that. Nobody's mother," more soberly, "dresses like that. My friends'll laugh."

And that's the thanks.

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You're getting old when the children exclaim,

"You always tell us what we shouldn't do by your experiences when you were young. Well, let us learn from our own mistakes."

It just doesn't help when you say you want to spare them a couple of heartaches. And you know exactly how Mama used to feel when you spoke like that.

All you get for your efforts is, "Ma, don't be a wet blanket."

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You know you're in the old age bracket when you don't notice any changes. To you your husband still is your handsome Lothario. But to the brood? Surely they love him but they're not bashful at all.

"Daddy, get those suspenders off. I'll feel awful if my friends see them. Who wears those things anyway? No other father dresses like that. You're doing it just for spite.

"And don't spit in the street. And don't talk so loud. And walk straight, you look like Grandpa, he should live to 120. And don't worry so much about us. And . . ." It could go on forever.

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You both feel old age is creeping up when, at eight in the evening, he's snoring away in the easy chair and you can hardly keep your eyes open to watch TV. And years ago you wouldn't think of calling it a day before midnight.

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And, of course, how young can you feel when everyday you discover another ache you have to learn to live with?

All you cynics who have an answer — just you wait!

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

BETH TZEDEC

Mr. Peter Newman, editor-in-chief of the Toronto Daily Star, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Luncheon Meeting of the Combined Sisterhoods, February 10th, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Avenue. His topic will be "Israel".

The Sisterhoods of the Conservative, Reform and Orthodox Congregations are the sponsoring organizations of the meeting -- Beth Tzedec Congregation (Conservative) Shaarei Shomayim (Orthodox), Holy Blossom Temple (Reform).

NEW MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

The second of the Health Education Lecture Series of the Women's Auxiliary, New Mount Sinai Hospital, will take place in the auditorium of the hospital on Wednesday, February 25th.

Dr. Ira Pollock, specialist in internal medicine, will act as moderator of a discussion entitled "Drugs - Their Use and Abuse." Other participants will be Dr. Irving Rother, specialist in internal medicine and Dr. Alexander Bonkalo, psychiatrist with the Mental Retardation Center.

BETH TIKVAH

Beth Tikvah Synagogue held an involvement night for new members recently at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Sam Pozner, 25 Ruden Cres. Don Mills. The new members who attended were: Mr. & Mrs. Phil Wener, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Yanover, Dr. & Mrs. Victor Zuck, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Borts, Mr. Frank Cappell. Also present were Rabbi and Mrs. Feder, the President of the Synagogue - Mr. Bernard Abrams - and his executive, and members of the Board of Governors. The social evening, was organized by Mr. Norman Stern - the first vice president of the Synagogue and involvement chairman.

BETH JACOB

Beth Jacob Sisterhood held their annual Melavah Malkah last week. Mr. Wilfred Schwarz was the chairman of the event.

BETH DAVID

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim will review Isaac Bashevis Singer's "In My Father's Court" at the B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood's general meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 10th. On February 12th, that Synagogue's Book Review Circle will hear Mrs. Joel Lichten discuss Roger Kahn's "The Passionate People."

NER ISRAEL

The Ner Israel Women's Auxiliary held a meeting recently at the Yeshiva at 625 Finch Avenue, West.

President Mrs. Ann Botnick called upon Rebitzen Weinberg to open the meeting with "Divrei Torah".

Mrs. Sarah Goodman, Mrs. Nancy Silver and Sue Magder Patroness are conveners for the March 8th tea. Mrs. Helen Beck won the draw for a trip to Israel.

The Kollel wives presented a Cantata - "Israeli Treat". Participating were: Mrs. T. Becker, I. Blumenfeld (guitar), M. Blumenfeld (narrator), C. Freidman, E. Mishaan (bongo drums), B. Schulman (chalil-tambourine), B. Weisbord (guitar).

A hearty Mazel Tov was extended to President Mrs. Botnick upon the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of her son.

ADATH ISRAEL

The Sisterhood general meeting will be held Tuesday February 10th. Guest speaker, Prof. Arthur Kruger will talk on Rebellion on Campus.

BETH TIKVAH

The Sisterhood will hold an Age of Aquarius evening Saturday, February 14th, at Northwood Golf and Country Club, Sheppard Avenue, East, with an antique auction, mod fashion show and dancing.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL

The Pride of Israel Sr. Ladies' Auxiliary held their 1970 installation of officers recently. A donation of $500 was made to the Israel Emergency Fund. Chairlady was Mrs. F. Shulman.

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IN MEMORIAM

ARYEH BEN ELIEZER

By S. B. Rose

From the Editors

Last Friday, Aryeh Ben Eliezer, one of the founders of the Irgun and of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation in Washington, a comrade-in-arms of Menachem Begin, died in Tel Aviv, age 57. Ben Eliezer was the deputy speaker of Israel's parliament (Knesset).

Samuel B. Rose, an outstanding leader of the Jabotinsky movement, now residing in Toronto, was preceding the establishment of the Jewish State, a newspaperman in New York and an associate of Ben Eliezer and Ben Hecht in the American Irgun committee. In this article he reminisces about this unusual figure of the Yishuv, a fighter now mourned by all Israelis.

A "beautiful man" is a special term used in today's hippie jargon. It is reserved for someone for whom the hippies have admiration and love -- someone they can communicate with and whose vibrations they can feel.

Although there is very little in common between today's so-called rebels without a cause and our own Jewish rebels who championed a great and just cause, the term "beautiful man" should not be left to their exclusive monopoly.

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Among the many beautiful men of our generation, the generation of the historic Jewish rebellion, Aryeh Ben Eliezer, the Deputy Speaker of Israel's parliament and leader of Herut, was in a class by himself. His unexpected passing a few days ago left us in shock and grief. He was a most beautiful man in spirit and flesh. Those close to him called him by his first name Aryeh (in Hebrew a lion). It was a fitting name for a man who fought like a lion for the cause of a great and ancient people.

In the early thirties when Aryeh and his friends began the long and difficult struggle, you had to have the strength of a lion and the faith of a prophet to believe in its ultimate triumph! Aryeh had both qualities.

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I met him for the first time in late September, 1935, in Tel Aviv, on my first trip to Eretz Israel, right after attending the founding congress of Jabotinsky's New Zionist Organization in Vienna. At that time I was the youngest member of the American delegation. The other members were the illustrious Jacob De Haas, Herzl's English secretary, William B. Ziff and Dr. D. Shecket. Aryeh was interested in hearing what took place in Vienna and what the new plans were. He listened with a sad smile, and his only remark was, "I hope they'll act and not just talk!"

At that time he was a member of the Revisionist taxi-cooperative "Aliyah", which travelled between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. After a few days in Tel Aviv I was anxious to see historic Jerusalem and the wailing wall, so we went up to Jerusalem with Aryeh as our driver in an old Dodge. As we approached the ancient city, Aryeh, with his charming smile remarked very casually: "One day it will be our capital again."

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ARYEH BEN ELIEZER

Summer, New York 1938, was our second encounter. Aryeh arrived in New York as a member of a small Irgun delegation. With him were Lubinski and Yitzhak Ben-Ami. Before he came to New York he had toured Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, and visited the largest Betar centers. After being received with enthusiasm and friendship by the large Jewish communities in Europe, the indifferent Jewish communities in New York and the North American continent offered a new challenge to him. But it was Aryeh more than anyone else that took up the challenge and with his great talents and charm laid the groundwork for a successful pro-Irgun movement in the United States. Naturally he was not alone. All of us pitched in. Later came S. Merlin, Hillel Cook, M. J. Nurenberger, and many others. The large scale work started in 1941 and the help and inspiration of Ben Hecht and what followed was history.

Shortly after Aryeh Ben Eliezer arrived in New York I took him to see a movie. I thought it would have special significance for him. It was John Ford's film about the Irish rebellion -- "The Informer" with Victor McLaglen, the film which became a classic in later years. When we left the theater there were tears in Aryeh's eyes. Later he told me he saw it twice more. Little did he know then that he would meet a similar fate -- to be betrayed to the enemy of the Jewish revolt by a paid informer.

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Late 1943 in the midst of the war at the height of the frenetic activities of the Ben Hecht group, when we finally succeeded in becoming a powerful instrument, Aryeh returned to Eretz Israel after five years in the United States. He returned for the most fateful historic mission of his career -- the launching of the Irgun rebellion that drove the British out and brought about the creation of the State of Israel.

After Aryeh's return to Eretz Israel in 1943, the Irgun command was strengthened. Menachem Begin became the Commander-in-Chief and they together wrote the most glorious chapters of the revolt.

Again Aryeh laid the foundations and had to leave, this time for exile, the work of an informer.

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Summer 1949. We met again in Tel Aviv on this occasion a short time after the State was created. Aryeh had escaped by the way of Jibuti and Paris. He was elected to the first Knesset, still young and vigorous after two decades of sacrifice and devotion to the cause of our people.

But the years of struggle took their toll. A year later he was stricken with his first heart attack. In spite of it he continued to be most active in Parliament and his beloved movement.

And at last again an ironic fate. When after a life of struggle he was recently offered one of the highest honors a nation can bestow, a cabinet position, he was already fatally stricken, and had to leave once again; but this time it was with his mission fulfilled, to his eternal rest.

Aryeh Ben Eliezer was a simple man, a charming man, a pure idealist, a romantic in the classical sense, a loyal friend, and a proud Jew with a keen sense of history. He was the closest friend of Menachen Begin and a most loyal supporter of Begin's leadership. He stuck with him in every crisis and against many odds, and he was proud to be right.

It seems that when the Angel of Death or Satan attacks you, their destructive powers are limited only to the flesh, but not to the spirit, the human brain.

A mutual friend, Nat Silver of Toronto, who spoke with Aryeh two weeks before he died, described how lucid and eloquent his mind was; and how much he was concerned with future events.

In saying farewell to a lifelong friend and leader, who can hide the aching heart, the tears? Although I was not with him in his last weeks, days and hours, I knew his restless heart and mind for many years, and therefore I know Aryeh's will: to guard our dream which became a reality, the State of Israel, and to smite its enemies now and forever!

Yisgadal Veyiskadash!

LAUDED FOR WORK ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL.- Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue in Montreal was filled to capacity at the recent testimonial dinner in honor of Bill Liverman. The dinner, in support of Israel Bonds was tendered by Mount Royal Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Lodge president Syd Starr was one of the head table guests who spoke about Bill Liverman's selfless dedication to Israel and community projects.

Shown in the above photograph from left to right are: Sydney Maislin, Murray Simons, honoree Bill Liverman, Bernard Lang and Syd Starr.

MONTREAL LEADER HONORED.- The Beth Zion Congregation and Cote St. Luc Lodge of B'nai B'rith recently honored Norman Spector with a testimonial dinner on behalf of Israel Bonds at the Beth Zion Synagogue.

Rabbi Sydney Shoham read a special citation in recognition of "Chuck" Spector's service to the cause of human freedom in Canada and Israel.

Special guest speaker at the dinner was Her Excellency Esther Herlitz, Israeli Ambassador to Denmark and one time second in command of "Chen," Israel's womens' army corps.

Shown in the above photograph, from left to right: Alderman Bernard Lang; Rabbi Shoham; Norman and Selma Spector; Israeli Consul General Monbaz and Her Excellency Esther Herlitz. Charles and Ivan are the proud sons of the honoree.

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